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1. DR REMY GORGE, SENIOR POLAD TO UNSYG SPECIAL REP DE CUELLAR, BRIEFED STAFFDEL BRYEN/RICHARDSON AND AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIALLY JULY 18 REGARDING DE CUELLAR'S VISITS TO ANKARA AND ATHENS, ON WHICH GORGE ACCOMPANIED.

2. DETAILS ASIDE, THE ANKARA AND ATHENS VISITS PROVIDED DISHEARTENINGLY PARALLEL RESULTS. CAGLAYANGIL SAID A WEAK TURKISH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TAKE BOLD STEPS ON CYPRUS. IT COULD DISCUSS TERRITORY ONLY IN SUBCOMMITTEE AND THEN ONLY ON THE MOST TENTATIVE, GENERAL BASIS. IN ANY RESUMED PLENARY WITH WALDHEIM, AND CAGLAYANGIL INSISTED THIS BE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIENNA, IT COULD NOT PRESENT EVEN AN INITIAL MAP. FROM THE

TURKISH SIDE, DISCUSSION WOULD BE LIMITED TO CRITERIA.
CAGLAYANGIL ADVISED THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS IN
CALLING FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATION. HE SHOULD KNOW BEFORE-
HAND THE EXACT SCENARIO. IF HE COULD NOT BE SURE OF HIS
RESULTS, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO DEFER FOR THE PRESENT.

3. CAGLAYANGIL APPROACHED FLEXIBILITY ON ONLY ONE COUNT:
IF TURKISH INSISTENCE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH MAINLANDS
BE PRESENT IN SUBCOMMITTEE REMAINED UNACCEPTABLE TO ATHENS, GOT
COULD CONSIDER A SLIGHTLY REVISED FORMULA WHEREBY BOTH THE
TURKISH AND GREEK MAINLAND EXPERTS WOULD NOT ATTEND SESSIONS BUT
REMAIN IN THE BACKROOMS. CAGLAYANGIL WAS FIRM IN INSISTING
THAT NEGOTIATION COULD NOT REALLY PROGRESS WITH MAKARIOS IN
THE PICTURE; ANY SOLUTION HAD TO RUN THROUGH ATHENS.

4. BITSIOS WAS FIRMER THAN EVER BEFORE THAT GREECE
COULD NOT COUNSEL MAKARIOS OR PARTICIPATE IN TERRITORIAL
DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH IT COULD CONCEIVABLY DO SO ON CON-
STITUTIONAL ASPECTS. LIKE CAGLAYANGIL, BITSIOS RECOMMENDED
THAT WALDHEIM NOT RUSH INTO A NEXT ROUND. UNLESS HE WERE
ABSOLUTELY SURE OF HIS GROUNDS AND THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE
ESSENTIALLY AGREED BEFOREHAND, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LET MORE
TIME PASS BEFORE CONSIDERING ANOTHER ROUND. THE ESSENTIAL,
FOR GREECE, WAS THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BE PRESERVED FOR
USE AT SOME FUTURE TIME WHEN THE PROSPECTS WERE BETTER.
THERE MUST, SAID BITSIOS, BE A "SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND
NINTH ROUND."

5. COMMENT: TO COMPLETE THE CIRCLE, DE CUELLAR WILL SEE
MAKARIOS JULY 20 AND DENKTASH JULY 21. HE WILL BRIEF ME
THEREAFTER ON HIS CONCLUSIONS AS TRANSMITTED TO WALDHEIM.
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